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FROM : Duncan Clark  
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SUBJECT: DRAFT ANNOUNCEMENT ON WEATHER SERVICE RETURNEES

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Attached, in accordance with a request from your office, is a copy of the announcement authorized for issuance by the Department of Defense. DOD has notified personnel at Honolulu that there is to be no amplification of this announcement, and that newspaper interviews with the weather service returnees will not be permitted.

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"Although none of the group has experienced any symptoms of radiation illness, they have been under close observation ever since their exposure last month.

"The 236 native residents of the islands nearby the Pacific Proving Ground area are remaining on Kwajalein for further observation until they can be returned to their homes after the tests. No permanent harm to any of them is expected as a result of their exposure.

"Names of the 31 men are:"

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